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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An ingestible supplement comprising:
at least about 25 weight percent of a palatability enhancer that is highly palatable to
carnivorous animals; and
at least about 5 weight percent bone meal,
said bone meal and said palatability enhancer being present in the supplement in a bone
meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio in the range of from about 1:10 to about
1:1.
2. (original) The supplement according to claim 1,
said palatability enhancer being formed primarily of material derived from animals.
3. (original) The supplement according to claim 1,
said palatability enhancer being formed primarily of a material selected from the group
consisting of meat, blood, and mixtures thereof.
4. (original) The supplement according to claim 1; and
an ingestible shell within which the palatability enhancer and the bone meal are received.
5. (original) The supplement according to claim 4,
said shell being formed of a biodegradable material.

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6. (original) The supplement according to claim 4,
said shell being formed of a gelatin material.
7. (original) The supplement according to claim 1,
said supplement comprising at least about 50 weight percent of the palatability enhancer and
at least about 10 weight percent of the bone meal.
8. (original) The supplement according to claim 7,
said bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio being in the range from about 1:5 to
about 1:2.
9. (original) The supplement according to claim 1,
said supplement comprising at least about 70 weight percent of the palatability enhancer and
at least about 20 weight percent of the bone meal.
10. (original) The supplement according to claim 9,
said bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio being in the range of from about 1:4 to
about 1:2.5.
11. (original) The supplement according to claim 1,
said supplement comprising in the range from about 60 to about 80 weight percent of the
palatability enhancer and in the range from about 15 to about 40 weight percent of
the bone meal.
12. (original) The supplement according to claim 11,
said bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio being in the range from 1:3.5 to 1:2.75.

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13. (original) An ingestible supplement palatable to dogs and cats, said supplement consisting essentially of:

a palatability enhancer that is highly palatable to carnivorous animals; and bone meal,

said bone meal and said palatability enhancer being present in the supplement in a bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio in the range of from about 1:5 to about 1:2.

14. (original) The supplement according to claim 13,
said palatability enhancer being formed primarily of material derived from animals.

15. (original) The supplement according to claim 13,
said palatability enhancer being formed primarily of a material selected from the group consisting of meat, blood, and mixtures thereof.

16. (original) The supplement according to claim 13,
said bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio being in the range of from about 1:4 to about 1:2.5.

17. (original) The supplement according to claim 13,
said bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio being in the range from 1:3.5 to 1:2.75.

18. (original) The supplement according to claim 13,
said supplement comprising in the range from about 60 to about 80 weight percent of the palatability enhancer and in the range from about 15 to about 40 weight percent of the bone meal.

19. (currently amended) A method of preventing a carnivorous animal from grazing on vegetation, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) causing the animal to ingest a supplement comprising at least about 5 weight percent bone meal and at least about 25 weight percent of a palatability enhancer that is highly palatable to the carnivorous animal;
said supplement comprising the bone meal and the palatability enhancer in a bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio in the range from about 1:10 to about 1:1.

20. (original) The method according to claim 19,
said palatability enhancer being formed primarily of material derived from animals.

21. (original) The method according to claim 19,
said palatability enhancer being formed primarily of a material selected from the group consisting of meat, blood, and mixtures thereof.

22. (original) The method according to claim 19,
said supplement including an ingestible shell within which the bone meal and palatability enhancer are received.

23. (original) The method according to claim 22,
said supplement consisting essentially of the bone meal, the palatability enhancer, and the ingestible shell.

24. (canceled)

25. (original) The method according to claim 24,

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said supplement comprising at least about 10 weight percent of the bone meal and at least about 50 weight percent of the palatability enhancer.

26. (original) The method according to claim 25,
said bone meal-to-palatability enhancer weight ratio being in the range of from about 1:5 to about 1:2.

27. (original) The method according to claim 26,
said supplement comprising in the range of from about 15 to about 40 weight percent of the bone meal and in the range of from about 60 to about 80 weight percent of the palatability enhancer.

28. (original) The method according to claim 19,
said supplement consisting essentially of the bone meal and the palatability enhancer.